

Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry has introduced legislation to establish a systematic auditing process for Congressional earmarks. The legislation would streamline oversight and increase the level of accountability for such funding.

“Programs, projects, and activities funded through the federal earmark process need responsible oversight,” said Fortenberry. “Americans deserve to know how their tax dollars are being used. As Congress begins appropriations for next fiscal year, lawmakers should consider this sensible accounting measure.”

Fortenberry's legislation would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to develop a standardized process for auditing earmarks. The GAO would also gather the results of audits conducted by agencies and organizations and submit an annual review of earmarks to Congress.

“There are many important policy priorities that must be funded each year,” Fortenberry said. “However, while our nation continues to face serious challenges, government must use taxpayer resources smartly, efficiently, and responsibly, with fiscal restraint. This bill will help bring another level of order and accountability.”

Fortenberry is a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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